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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director for
Planning and Coordination

ATTENTION:

SUBJECT: New DOD Research Projects for FY 1956

1. The Office of Training has an interest in the Department of the Army Far Eastern studies [redacted]. It is requested that the following topics be submitted to the Social Science Research Group, Department of Defense, for inclusion in the Extended [redacted] Project and that this Office be provided with any information obtained concerning these topics.

- a. Methods of Communist Party cadre indoctrination undertaken in the field.
- b. The application of indoctrination techniques within various party activities including the military and security services.
- c. Any differences in the indoctrination of prisoners of war by the Chinese Communists from the indoctrination of their own civilian and military personnel.
- d. Any differentiation in the indoctrination of regular Chinese Communist forces and so-called volunteer Chinese Communist forces; i.e., the type of volunteer forces used in Korea and Indo China.

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- e. Explanations given for the apparent inconsistencies with the Geneva Convention pertaining to treatment of prisoners of war and the techniques of interrogation employed by Chinese Communist forces.
- f. Any similarity or difference in the organization of Chinese Communist and Soviet forces with respect to dual or single command system; for example, within Soviet forces the Communist Party commissar and the military commander are the same individual.

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